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In re Application of:)
Kiminori WATANABE et al.) Prior Group Art Unit: 2815
Div. of Application No.: 10/277,744) Prior Examiner: J. Jackson, Jr.
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For: LATERAL HIGH-BREAKDOWN-)
VOLTAGE TRANSISTOR)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced divisional application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in prior application Nos. 10/277,744, filed October 23, 2002 and 09/746,223, filed December 26, 2000, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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